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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CPAS, CASC (SAHEKI, AKIRA)
SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING PASSPORT OF AMERICAN CITIZEN

REF: STATE 171017

1. SAHEKI WAS ISSUED A REPLACEMENT PASSPORT ON JULY 5, AFTER HE HAD FULLY SATISFIED US OF HIS NATIONALITY AND IDENTITY AND HAD MADE REASONABLE EFFORTS THROUGH EMBASSY, POLICE, AND HIS ATTORNEY TO GET PASSPORT BACK.
2. WHEN SAHEKI LAST VISITED EMBASSY ON MORNING OF JULY 7, JUST PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, KOREAN COMPANY HAD FINALLY SURRENDERED OLD PASSPORT TO KOREAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE, WHICH WAS HOLDING IT TOGETHER WITH NEW PASSPORT PRESENTED TO THEM BY SAHEKI FOR TRANSFER OF VISA. SAHEKI IS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH IMMIGRATION SINCE HE CONDUCTED BUSINESS HERE WITH A TOURIST VISA AND DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING WITH IMMIGRATION ABOUT HOW HIS PASSPORT WAS LOST. IMMIGRATION OFFICE IS CONDUCTING ROUTINE INQUIRY BUT SHOULD RELEASE PASSPORTS BY JULY 8.
3. APART FROM PROBLEMS WITH IMMIGRATION, SAHEKI IS AFRAID THAT KOREAN FIRM IS TRYING TO PREVENT HIS DEPARTURE BY FILING CHARGES AGAINST HIM. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST SAHEKI OR OF ANY KOREAN GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTION PREVENTING HIS DEPARTURE.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE CONGRESSMAN DUNCAN'S OFFICE THAT THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO SAHEKI.
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